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-Maya Angelou

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RDML Kuehner's Final Director's Message

Cynthia Kuehner
RDML, NC, USN
Director, Nurse Corps

Navy Nurses! Greetings to each of you. This is my final farewell to you, prior to my retirement ceremony. My tenure as the 26th Director of our Navy Nurse Corps concluded on our 115th Birthday (May 13th, 2023), where I was honored to represent YOU, while delivering the principal address to the assembled crowd, Captain, and crew of USS LENAH SUTCLIFFE HIGBEE (DDG 123), our Navy's newest warship. I hope you ALL celebrated Nurses' Week and our Birthday in GRAND style! You earned it and deserve recognition and celebration!

Reflecting over the past three years has given me GREAT hope and optimism for Navy Nursing's future. I strongly believe that our commitment to READY, RELEVANT, RESILIENT Navy Nurses has allowed us to see our inherent strengths, validate ourselves, and project exactly who we are inside and outside of Navy Medicine. Our work will never be done, but I marvel at the many, superlative achievements of our Corps, your accelerated adaptation to changing conditions, and the STRONG desire of our Junior Nurse Corps Officers to BE Navy Nurses, acquiring skills, ever-improving, teaching and training others, and growing in leadership along the way. In summary, YOU ROCK!!

Nursing is a career that will open so many doors for you. Many of you have heard me describe how I didn't start my career with a full appreciation of our profession. Only over time have I come to fully acknowledge and embrace the abundant personal and professional rewards of uniformed military service. I have NO regrets over the past 33 years + 11 months, and I wouldn't change a thing… Even the hard, ugly, challenging, sad, and frustrating parts (yes, there were some) taught me so much, and they were far and away exceeded by the joy, laughter, friendships, and experiences that have enriched my life. With every obstacle perceived and overcome, my personal competence and confidence grew, and I became a more effective leader, able to manage myself better, regardless of the environment and those distractions that would undermine mission effectiveness and the inherent strengths of committed teams! It has been a journey and an adventure, to be sure!!

I will never deter from my personal/professional philosophy of LEAD·LEARN·LOVE, and as I transition to my life's next chapter, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to each of you! Serving in the Director role has been the honor and privilege of a lifetime. Thank you for making it fun! Thank you for fully supporting me (and my family) along the way.

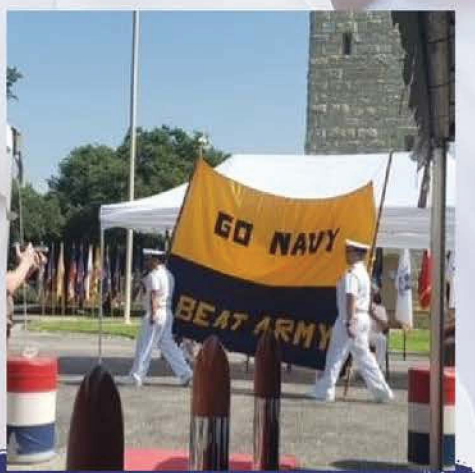
I wish you each the best individually, as you pursue your ambitions and achieve your goals. For our Corps, I see a bright future ahead, in which our collective strength is enhanced by our deep, caring commitment to each other, our patients, and our Shipmates. Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other. Turn your loyalty and support to my successor, the 27th Director of our beloved Navy Nurse Corps, **CAPT Bob Hawkins**! (He has no idea how much he will come to appreciate everything you are, and ALL that you are yet to become)! God bless each of you, and keep you and yours safe, wherever the Navy takes you!

RDML Kuehner Photos

Interns and NC Front Office, left to right: CAPT Paul Loesche, LCDR Nicholas Eighmy, CAPT Jill Malderelli-Drey, LT Suzanne Papadakos, LCDR Shauna Ralston, LT Kristin Davis, RDML Cindy Kuehner, RDML Eric Peterson, LCDR Rachel Arbuckle, LT Nicole Bencs, CAPT Julie Darling, LT CJ Rouse, Front: LT Angus (CAPT Darling's dog)./Released

RDML Kuehner pictured with RDML Peterson in front of the USS Higbee (DD123)./Released

RDML Kuehner pictured with NC officers while visiting NMRTC Great Lakes./Released



RDML Kuehner passing of the Guidon during her Change of Command./Released

Reserve Component Corps Chief

Eric L. Peterson
RDML, NC, USN
Director, Nurse Corps Reserve

Happy 115th Nurse Corps birthday! You all never looked so good! It continues to be an honor of a lifetime to represent you all as your Reserve Nurse Corps (NC) flag officer.

From our original Sacred Twenty to now, you have continued to push the envelope and be fierce advocates for your patients and warfighters. I am proud to be associated with such a wonderful group of professionals and officers; the work you do every day changes lives! When you think about it, the world is changed every time you perform patient care, either through helping them heal spiritually and physically or helping their families through loss. Please reflect on your efforts in your nursing career and as an officer in the Navy. You were called to serve the nursing profession, and if that were not enough, you also stepped up to serve our nation by wearing the uniform. Although some frustrations come with both, you are essential to the healthcare and military medical teams you serve.

I am in awe of your dedication and service that you display every day! Our nation's warriors depend on your expertise and readiness to train and defend our country. With peer and near-peer competitors looking to challenge and confront the U.S., our warriors have to know that if they are injured, they will have experts to take care of them and return them to the fight and their families. This allows them to go into harm's way, knowing that you, essential members and experts of the healthcare team, are there to heal them. I salute you all and your families for your service. This admiration is 365 days, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

We made many strides but make no mistake, many changes are still to happen such as how we organize and train for our Expeditionary Medical Unit (EMU), Expeditionary Resuscitative Surgical System (ERSS), and En-Route Care System (ERCS) platforms. It is an exciting time to be part of a Navy medicine team, organizing to directly support our warfighters and each other. I hope you all had a happy NC birthday! Your efforts and contributions are recognized for the extraordinary leadership and care you deliver for our patients and the healthcare team!

Go 115

USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123): Bring Her to Life

Article submitted by: LCDR Kristin Leone, NC, USN
Reserve Assistant Editor

Saturday, May 13, 2023 was not only the 115th birthday of the Navy Nurse Corps. It was a day to celebrate a nursing legend and bring to life USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123), the Navy's newest guided missile destroyer. The Port of Key West provided the backdrop as guests gathered at the pier that morning for one of the Navy's time-honored traditions of ship commissioning into the fleet.

Bellatrix Illa, "She is a warrior", represents the motto of USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123). Nurse **Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee** was one of the "Sacred Twenty" when the Navy Nurse Corps was commissioned in 1908. She became the second superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps for eleven of her fourteen years serving this country. She was the first living woman to be awarded the Navy Cross for her pioneering work during World War I (WWI). It was due to her perseverance that nurses would be critically assigned to staff Naval ships in 1920.

USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123) is the second ship to be named in her honor. USS Higbee (DD 806) was commissioned in 1945, and the first ship to be named after a woman in armed service. The crew named her "Leaping Lenah" for the work performed during World War II (WWII). USS Higbee (DD 806) then went on to serve in the Korean War and Vietnam War as well, earning one battle star for WWII, seven for the Korean War, and six campaign stars in Vietnam. During the ceremony on May 13th 2023, 18 members who served on USS Higbee (DD 806) from 1962 to 1979 were on hand to celebrate the commissioning of the new ship.

L to R: Carol and Phil Eakin, Jim and Ginny Pagel, Cliff and Linda Steinsultz, Ron Howard and Karen Kay (widow of a former crewmember Bill Kay) Louise and Mike Kenny, Jeff Sallay, and Ted Ziffer. Former crew members of USS Higbee and their guests (Photo courtesy of Navy League Key West/Released).

Nurse **Sutcliffe Higbee** left a legacy for her fellow Navy nurses who came with and after her. This was evident in the attendance of two retired Navy nurses who served during the Vietnam War. They traveled over 1,000 miles to attend the ship's commissioning. They were also surrounded by many other Navy nurses in attendance: Active Duty, Reserve, veterans, and members of the Navy Nurse Corps Association representing the past, present, and future of nursing! These Navy nurses felt the devotion and professional service of nurse **Sutcliffe Higbee**, recognizing her outstanding work for the corps.

TOP: LCDR Leone and Alvina M. Harrison-Wells, CAPT (ret), NC, USN. Photo by LT Rollon/Released.

LEFT: LCDR Leone and Ellen M. Duvall, CDR (ret), NC, USN. Photo by LT Rollon/Released.

USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123): Bring Her to Life, cont.

Several distinguished guests were also present for the ceremony to include **Admiral Michael Gilday**, Chief of Naval Operations. **Adm. Gilday** spoke of **Higbee**'s fortitude and strength as she overcame the challenges of WWI, the Spanish Influenza, and how she embodied selfless service. Also in attendance at the ceremony was **Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro**. He spoke of patriotism, commitment to American values, freedom; all of which the USS Higbee (DDG 123) and the crew will play an integral role in protecting. These two great leaders inspired the crowd with spirit and confidence.

The event's principal speaker was the 26th Director of the Navy Nurse Corps **Rear Admiral Cynthia Kuehner**. **Rear Adm. Kuehner** spoke to the power of the history making moment to those present at the ceremony. She acknowledged the "vision and initiative" with which nurse **Sutcliffe Higbee** led the Nurse Corps and how that responsibility and legacy lives on today; to be ready, relevant and resilient. The corps stands poised to take on any challenge!

With words from secretary **Del Toro**, Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee was commissioned. The colors and commissioning pennant were hoisted. **Cmdr. Douglas Braden** read his orders as the Commander of Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee. Thereafter sponsors of the ship, Louisa Dixon, Virginia Munford, and Pickett Wilson called out, "Officers and crew of the USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123), man our ship and bring her to life!" And a thunderous "Aye-aye mam!" echoed over the crowd. With excitement, the crew ran to board the ship and man the rails.

Master Chief Fire Controlman Catherine Slee, the combat systems maintenance manager and departmental leading petty officer, was asked "what is your favorite part of the ship?" of which her response without hesitation was "The crew!" There is no doubt they stand ready and eager to carry the legacy nurse **Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee** built. Experiencing the commissioning of the USS Lenah Stucliffe Higbee (DDG 123) was heart-filling, inspiring, and re-affirming in commitment to selfless service.

TOP: Mr. Carlos Del Toro with LCDR Leone and LT Rollon./Released.

MIDDLE: Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Gilday with LCDR Leone and LT Rollon./Released.

BOTTOM: RDML Kuehner with LCDR Leone and LT Rollon./Released.

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Photo courtesy of DVIDS taken by Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicholas Huynh. Photo taken on May 13, 2023 at Key West, Florida./Released.

USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123): Commissioning, Brief History, and its Significance

Article submitted by: LT Ronald Rollon, NC, USN
Reserve Editor

From laying down the keel to christening to commissioning, USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123) had to undergo several milestones prior to entering service. Under the direction of the President, the Secretary of the Navy named a ship after a woman in the uniformed service, USS Higbee (DD 806). After its meritorious service during several wars and conflicts, Higbee was decommissioned in 1979. Following this event, the keel of a new Arleigh Burke-class destroyer of the same namesake, USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee, was laid down at Ingalls shipyard on November 14, 2017. Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee was later christened on April 24, 2021, in Pascagoula, Mississippi where the ship completed some of its sea trials. The ship was recently commissioned in Key West, Florida on May 13, 2023.

During the commissioning ceremony, the ship came to life once orders were given to hoist the colors and the commissioning pennant. Once the pennant broke through the masthead, the ship became a member of the Naval fleet. The ship's commissioning ceremony marked its entry into Naval service as an operating unit. Its service will begin as part of the Pacific Fleet Force.

The Navy's newest Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee (DDG 123) sits at Naval Air Station Key West's Truman Harbor ahead of her commissioning ceremony in Key West, Florida (Photo by MC2 Nicholas Huynh/identified by DVIDS/Released.)

The ship's namesake and commissioning date hold great significance for the Navy Nurse Corps (NNC) as both recognize the contributions of nurse **Higbee** and the corps to the Navy. On May 13, 1908, the Navy Nurse Corps was established by order of President Theodore Roosevelt under the Naval Appropriations Bill. Nurse **Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee** was one of the first twenty nurses to enter the Navy. She then took over as the second superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps, overseeing the development and assignment of the corps. Her tenure as part of the "Sacred Twenty" led to the expansion of the corps, ultimately setting the foundations of what it is today.

USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee's (DDG 123) enhanced warfighting capability and operational flexibility reflects its motto, "She is a warrior". The motto also refers to nurse **Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee** and her pioneering work as a Navy nurse as well as the Navy nurses who came with and after her.

USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee rests after its ceremonial commissioning in Key West, Florida on May 13, 2023 (Photo by LCDR Kristin Leone/Released).

Bellatrix Illa

The Latin motto "Bellatrix Illa" translates to "She is a warrior" and refers to the spirit of **Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee**, the actions of the ship, and the mission of the crew.

At the ends of the scroll are small representations of the Navy Cross, alluding to **Lenah Higbee** being the first living woman to be awarded that medal.

Artemis (left), the goddess of the Moon, and Athena (right), the goddess associated with wisdom, craft, and warfare in Greek mythology, are female warriors, standing in unison to uplift the shield and the mission of the crew members and ship. Together, they represent the old and new age of naval technology, and their diverse appearance signifies the inclusion and equality of all. Artemis honors **Lenah Higbee** by wearing an oak leaf, referring to the Navy Nurse Corps.

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Lenah S. Higbee

Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps **Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee** (1874-1941) received a Navy Cross for her leadership of the Navy Nurse Corps during World War I. She was the first living woman to receive the Navy Cross. She became the second Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps in January 1911, held the position for 11 years, and served in the Navy for 14 years.

Lenah S. Higbee joined the Navy in October 1908 as part of "The Sacred Twenty," the first group of women forming the Navy Nurse Corps.

• **Hasson, Esther**–Superintendent (Service: 1908-1911) •
• **White, Victoria**–Chief Nurse (Service: 1908-1913) •
• **Pringle, Martha**–Chief Nurse (Service: 1908-1926) •
• **Bowman, Beatrice** (Service: 1908-1935) •
• **Cox, Sara M.** (Service: 1908-1928) •
• **DeCeu, Clare L.** (Service: 1908-1933) •
• **Dubose, Mary** (Service: 1908-1929) •
• **Hewitt, Elizabeth M.** (Service: 1908-1933) •
• **Higbee, Lenah Sutcliffe** (Service:1908-1922) •
• **Hine, Estelle** (Service: 1908-1910) •
• **Knight, Della V.** (Service: 1908-1930) •
• **Leonhardt, Elizabeth** (Service: 1908-1928) •
• **Milburn, Florence Taney** (Service: 1908-1915) •
• **Murray, Margaret D.** (Service: 1908-1913) •
• **Myer, Sara B.** (Service: 1908-1930) •
• **Parsons, Ethel Reeder** (Service: 1908-1932) •
• **Pendleton, Adah M.** (Service: 1908-1933) •
• **Roy, Isabelle Ross** (Service: 1908-1911) •
• **Small, Boniface T.** (Service: 1908-1911) •
• **Wells, Elizabeth J.** (Service: 1908-1911) •

First Navy Nurses

Nurse Corps History

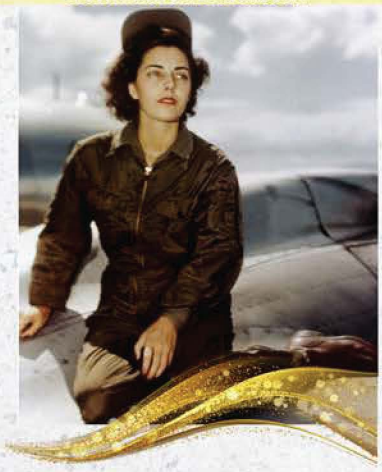
Submitted by: LCDR Jasette Fong, NC, USN

Group photograph of the first twenty Navy Nurses, also known as "The Sacred Twenty", appointed in 1908. Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command./Released.

Esther Voorhees Hasson was the first Superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps from August 1908 to January 1911. Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command./Released.

Navy nurses display the variety of Nurse Corps uniforms authorized in 1944. Photographed at the Norfolk Naval Hospital. Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command./Released.

Navy Flight Nurse Jane "Candy" Kendeigh in 1945. She was the first flight nurse to land on both Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command./Released.



Three U.S. Navy Nurses are awarded Purple Hearts in Vietnam. LT B. Wooster, LT R. Mason, and LTJG A. Reynolds were injured in the Communist bombing of the HQ on Christmas Eve 1964. Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command./Released.

LT Twilling and ENS Moss discuss a patient's condition in a ward at Naval Hospital San Diego, California. The "Excellence" pennant was awarded for the appearance of the ward, June 1970. Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command./Released.

Navy Nurse Corps Origin: Birth of a Corps

Article submitted by: LT Ronald Rollon, NC, USN
Reserve Editor

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In the earliest times of the United States Navy, there were no Naval hospitals with only 12 hospitals in the country overall. Several wars kept the U.S. Navy occupied since its institution. Wounded and injured sailors were transferred to makeshift hospitals and field triage platforms. In 1808, Navy surgeon Cutbush made recommendations to higher authorities on hospital management, to include using women as nurses in the Navy and organizing Naval hospitals but to no avail. After the approval of proposed Naval hospitals, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery was established to manage these institutions. Loblolly boys, who would be later renamed as Hospital Corpsman, were designated as nurses in the Navy whilst women including sailors' wives and nuns would not officially serve in the capacity until much later. Before the commissioning of a regular corps of nurses, several important nursing figure heads would enter history such as Florence Nightingale, Clara Barton, and Louisa May Alcott as well as the Catholic organization Holy Cross Sisters. With nursing becoming a more educated profession and workforce by 1860s, many argued the pervasive attitudes that nurses were over educated to know the basics of nursing care. Nonetheless, more than 10,000 nurses graduated from 500 schools of nursing by 1900. Nursing grew in size and became a genuine profession. However, nursing graduates still faced few prospects in the military. With President Roosevelt's policies and diplomacy as well as the urging of Rear Admiral Rixey's incorporation of trained nurses in the medical branch of the Navy, the very foundation for approval of a staff corps came to head. A bill was placed before Congress that asked for the establishment of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. It passed on May 13, 1908.

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Establishment of Navy Nurse Corps, Public Law No. 115, 13 May 1908
Public Law No. 115, H.R. 20471, 13 May 1908

The nurse corps (female) of the United States Navy is hereby established, and shall consist of one superintendent, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall be a graduate of a hospital training school having a course of instruction of not less than two years, whose term of office may be terminated at his discretion, and of as many chief nurses, nurses, and reserve nurses as may be needed: *Provided*, That all nurses in the nurse corps shall be appointed or removed by the Surgeon-General, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, and that they shall be graduates of hospital training schools having a course of instruction not less than two years. The appointment of superintendent, chief nurses, nurses, and reserve nurses shall be subject to an examination as to their professional, moral, mental, and physical fitness, and that they shall be eligible for duty at naval hospitals and on board of hospital and ambulance ships and for such special duty as may be deemed necessary by the Surgeon-General of the Navy. Reserve nurses may be assigned to active duty when the necessities of the service demand, and when on such duty shall receive the pay and allowances of nurses: *Provided*, That they shall receive no compensation except when on active duty. The superintendent, chief nurses, and nurses shall respectively receive the same pay, allowances, emoluments, and privileges as are now or may hereafter be provided by or in pursuance of law for the nurse corps (female) of the Army.

National Nurses Week 2023

Submitted by: LCDR Jasette Fong, NC, USN

"Nurses make a difference anytime, anywhere - always!"

The 2023 Nurses Week theme honors the unwavering commitment of DHA nurses to their patients and the value they provide to the unified health care team in accomplishing their medical readiness mission. Nurses remain central to DHA's support for the National Defense Strategy, helping maintain military readiness to defend the nation. Click below to watch the DHA compilation video highlighting nurses and nursing teams from across the DHA commenting on how "nurses make a difference, anytime, anywhere- always."

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RIGHT: From L to R: LT Ryan Pavelka, LT Adam Grimm, LT Krista Macmurray, LT Mary Bennett Hinson, LT Onai Carlson, and LT Nahla Al-Azzeh pose for a photograph with the nurses of 1st Health Battalion Australian Defense Force to celebrate International Nurse's Day. The photo was taken by Sergeant Ryan Hagaeli, one of the PAO's for Marine Rotational Force Darwin - 23.3. The nurses are deployed with Combat Logistics Battalion - 1 from Camp Pendleton, California. Attached to the Role II for MRF-D 23.3, the nurses participate in joint training with ADF forces on a regular basis./Released.

LEFT: NHC Charleston. From L to R: LT Bailey Martin, LCDR Renee Rappold, LT Leah Garrett, CDR Gina Romano, LT Pietro Christofoli, Captain Tarail Vernon, LT Michael Menninger, and LT Margaret Anater./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Pearl Harbor nurses celebrate the Navy Nurse Corps' 115th birthday with the traditional cake cutting ceremony. From L to R: LT William Gregg, LCDR Christina Carter (DUINS), CDR Tatianna Ellsworth (DHS), LCDR Alexia Kasler (DH, SEAT), LT Laura Kubicki (Clinic Manager, BHC Makalapa), LCDR Leslie Washington (DH, BHC Makalapa), and CAPT Tim Brender (CNO)./Released.

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LEFT: Role 2E Expeditionary Medical Unit (EMU) Rotation-14, Erbil Air Base, Iraq. Photo of the Nurse Corps cake supplied by a local restaurant in Erbil, Iraq./Released.

RIGHT: Role 2E Expeditionary Medical Unit (EMU) Rotation-14, Erbil Air Base, Iraq. From L to R: As is customary, the most junior nurse, LTJG Margaret Metz (NMRTC Portsmouth), cuts the cake with the most senior nurse, CAPT Craig Vass (NMRTC Jacksonville), while deployed as members of EMU-14 EAB, Iraq./Released.

LEFT: Role 2E Expeditionary Medical Unit (EMU) Rotation-14, Erbil Air Base, Iraq. Nurses from EMU-14 Erbil, Iraq find time to share a meal and celebrate the 115th Nurse Corps Birthday together. From L to R: LT Brian Gluckman (NMRTC Jacksonville), LT Dylan Shapiro (NMRTC Jacksonville), LT Paige Percy (NMRTC Jacksonville), LTJG Margaret Metz (NMRTC Portsmouth), CAPT Craig Vass (NMRTC Jacksonville), LCDR Nicholas Walker (NMRTC Jacksonville), and LT Mustafa Alrubaiee (WRNMMC)./Released.

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LEFT: Naval Health Clinic Newport Rhode Island celebrate Nurses Week. Left to Right: RN Susan Geagan, LT Allyson Soucy, CAPT Krystal Bauman, LT Sueheigh Seepersaud, LT Alexis Tomlin, LCDR Joseph Strahan (Naval War College attendee), LCDR Ruth Cook, CAPT Eric Gryn, LPN Debbie Williams, CDR Dan McClure, and CDR Robert Fasnacht (Chaplain)./Released.

BELOW: Naval Health Clinic Newport Rhode Island cake cutting ceremony. From L to R: LT Nicholas Cimadon and CAPT Eric Gryn./Released.

ABOVE: Naval Health Clinic Newport Rhode Island DAISY Awardee Nominee presentation. From L to R: CDR Davy Jenkins and RN Tracy Swanick./Released.

RIGHT: Naval Health Clinic Newport Rhode Island Daisy Nominees. From L to R: LCDR Cheree Nagle, LT Alexis Tomlin, CAPT (ret) Irene Weaver (President of the New England Navy Nurse Corps Association (DAISY Sponsor), CAPT Kristin Hodapp (Commanding Officer), RN Darcie Headley, and RN Trisha Santucci./Released.

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BELOW: NMRTC Camp Lejeune gathers to celebrate Nurses Week! From L to R: CAPT Alison Castro (DNS), CDR Laura Boerste (ADNS), LTJG Elizabeth Hillman, CDR Christina Tellez (ADSS), LCDR Alainna Crotty, LCDR Brandi Wilson, RN Kelly Horne, LCDR Stephanie Horigan, LCDR Chip Leduff, Petty Officer Paul Shannon, RN Angela Willians, LCDR Michael Lanthorn, and LT Mark Kannon (Chaplain)./Released.

LEFT: NMRTC Camp Lejeune. LT Mark Cannon (Chaplain) provided a "blessing of the hands" ceremony to recognize the important, lifesaving work the hands of our nurses provide for patients./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Camp Lejeune commemorates the Navy Nurse Corp's 115th Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony. From L to R: the most senior nurse, CAPT Alison Castro (DNS) cuts the cake with the most junior nurse, ENS Rachel Carty./Released.

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LEFT: US NMRTC Sigonella taking nursing staff photos for Nurses Week. From L to R: CDR Elizabeth Holmes, LT Tabitha Atkinson, LT Ruth Williams, LT Lisa Bruscato, and LT Emily Kinley./Released.

ABOVE: US NMRTC Sigonella cake cutting ceremony. From L to R: CAPT Karen Belcar, LT Emily Kinley, and Commanding Officer CAPT Jean Fisak./Released.

LEFT: US NMRTC Sigonella getting into the Social atmosphere with the NC Ice Cream Van coming through!/Released.

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BELOW: NMRTC Camp Pendleton. Pictured: LT David Acree, LT Shawn Holdsworth, RN Kim Newall, LT Melissa Hamilton, LCDR Angelita Kisena (ADMS), RN Veronica Dominguez, LT Amanda Dean, LCDR Troncoso (ADBC), LCDR Sarah Huley (ADNS), CDR Kyle Hinds (ADSS), LCDR Lindsey Manko (ADHB), ENS Kyra Morisette, CAPT Christopher Keith (CNO), LCDR Sarah Hart, CDR Abreail Leoncio (QM), and LT Annette Kusar-Fischer./Released.

LEFT: NMRTC Camp Pendleton celebrates the 115th Navy Nurse Corps birthday with a cake cutting ceremony. From L to R: ENS Kyra Morrisette, CAPT Christopher Keith (DNS) and guest speaker CAPT Torrin Velazquez (XO)./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Camp Pendleton celebrated Nurses Appreciation Week with donated ice cream from the Fisher House of Southern California, who also treated nurses at NMRTC San Diego. Thank you for such a wonderful treat, Fisher House! Pictured are Fisher House staff with (from L to R) LCDR Michael Sokolowski (DRM), LCDR Angela Cummiskey (DHB), and CAPT Torrin Velazquez (XO)./Released.

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LEFT: In appreciation of National Nurses Week, Giovanni Muhammad, a registered nurse at Walter Reed and a Queens, New York native, led the efforts by planning, creating, and unveiling the Nurses Week Photo Wall exhibit inside the medical center's dining facility, Café 8901./Released.

BELOW: NMRTC Bethesda celebrates the Navy Nurse Corps Birthday. From L to R: ENS Renee Boudreau, the most junior nurse, cuts the cake with CAPT Jessica Beard (CNO, WRNMMC), the most senior nurse./Released.

BELOW NMRTC Bethesda celebrates the Navy Nurse Corps Birthday. Special guest speaker was Cedric King (a retired double amputee Master Sergeant of the US Army). Front Row from L to R: LT Jessica Hahn, LTJG Kyle Keeler, ENS Renee Boudreau, LTJG Ibrahima Kake, CAPT Jessica Beard (CNO, WRNMMC), LCDR Alicia Sacks, ENS Angelina Spath, HM3 Anna Burke, ENS Meredith Marcum, CDR Marie Edwards-Smith, and CAPT Anthony Keller (XO, NMRTC Bethesda). Back Row from L to R: CDR Teresa Dent (CNO, NMRTC Bethesda) and MSgt (ret) Cedric King./Released.

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RIGHT and BOTTOM Photos: Naval Health Clinic Quantico celebrates Nurses Week with group walks and homemade cupcakes made by their own HM2 Miller./Released.

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Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 1 Excellent Nurse

Amount Per Serving	% Daily Value*
Hard Working	1000%
Unrivaled Skill	500%
Passion	100%
Caring	300%
Determination	300%
Dedication 36g	100%
Learning 26g	100%
Sleep 10g	0%
Caffeine	400%

*Percent Daily Values are based on an amazing Nurse. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on the needs of your patients

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BELOW: NMRTC Twnetynine Palms celebrates the Navy Nurse Corps 115th birthday with beautiful cake!/Released.

ABOVE: NMRTC Twentynine Palms. ENS Jordan Haworth cuts the customary birthday cake with CAPT Christopher Jack (CNO)./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Twentynine Palms cake cutting ceremony. From L to R: ENS Jordan Haworth, LT Grace McSoley (DH, MSU), CAPT Christopher Jack (CNO), CDR Mohneke Broughton (DNP), and CDR Eduardo Barnet (DSS)./Released.

ALL BELOW: Pictured are nurses and staff during Nurses Week activities./Released.

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RIGHT: NMRTC San Diego celebrates the Nurse Corp's 115th Birthday! From L to R: ENS Sara Buttolph and CAPT Jeffery Johnson commence the festivities with the cake cutting ceremony./Released.

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LEFT: RN Megan Davis, one of Naval Medical Center San Diego's coordinators for the Diseases Attacking the Immune System (DAISY) Award, recognizes NMRTC San Diego nurses, corpsmen, and leaders with DAISY Awards. Recipients receive a certificate, a DAISY pin, and a DAISY Award sculpture./Released.

RIGHT: From L to R: CAPT Jeffery Johnson receives the Lifetime Achievement DAISY Award, presented by CDR Merideth Croft (ADNS). CAPT Johnson held the role of Director of Strategy and Modernization at NMRTC San Diego and was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. After more than 30 years of faithful service to his country, CAPT Johnson retired on May 5, 2023 with a ceremony held aboard the USS MIDWAY Museum. Fair Winds and Following Seas, CAPT!/Released.

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Nurses Week
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Kearny Mesa

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Naval Branch Health Clinic
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Naval Base San Diego

Nurses Week
Naval Branch Health Clinic Coronado

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MCRD San Diego

Nurses Week
Naval Branch Health Clinic
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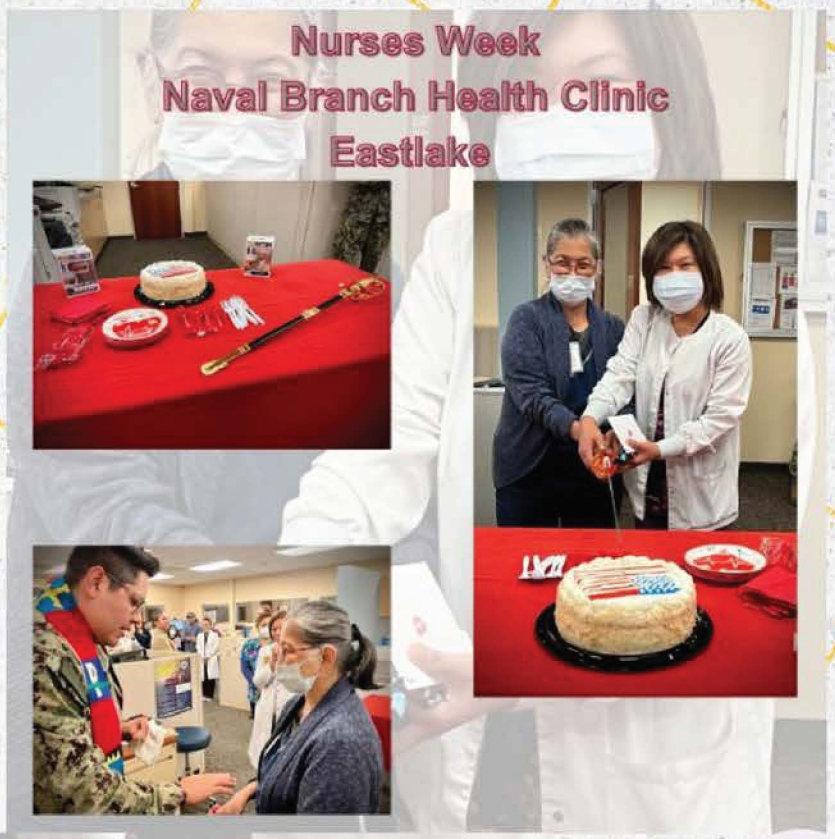

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ABOVE: US NMRTC Yokosuka, Japan Nurse Corps Officers celebrate Nurses Week! From L to R: LTJG Edward Canto, LT Daisangel Biares, LT Anieka Chevallier, LCDR Yolanda Wilson, CDR Protogenie Reed, LCDR Marissa Hesse, LT Jacqueline Scheckles, LT Kriszl Godfrey, LCDR Jennifer Francis, LT Kathryn Hrezo, LCDR Kizzy Henderson, LCDR Molly Fowler, and LT Rachel Hall./Released.

RIGHT: US NMRTC Yokosuka, Japan Nurse Corps Officers celebrate Nurses Week! From L to R: CDR Protogenie Reed with LTJG Edward Canto enjoy cutting the cake./Released.

LEFT: NMRTC Lemoore celebrates nurses! Cutting the ceremonial birthday cake was the most senior nurse, CAPT Michele Waara (CNO), and LTJG Alicia Reilly, the command's most junior nurse./Released.

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LEFT and BELOW: US NMRTC Guantanamo Bay, Cuba nurses celebrate Nurses' Week with an oceanside beach outing./Released.

LEFT: US NMRTC Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. LCDR Alexis McDermott received the Leadership DAISY Award, LT Hannah Vandertie and LT Terrian Harris received the DAISY Extraordinary Nursing Award, and The Home Health Team was awarded the DAISY Team Award. From L to R: LCDR Alexis McDermott, Kareem Anderson, Taryn Harris, Diane Smith, Kareel Grant, CDR Lawrence Henry (CNO), Suzette Walker, Cameka Davy, Tasheria Ellis, Elle Maurisak, LT Hanna Wisner, and LTJG Jill Palmer. Not pictured are LT Hannah Vandertie and LT Terrian Harris./Released.

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BELOW: US NMRTC Okinawa nurses celebrates Nurses Week. From L to R: CAPT Rodolfo San Juan (incoming CNO) cutting the cake with (outgoing CNO) CAPT Laurie Elizabeth Chavez./Released.

ABOVE: US NMRTC Okinawa celebrates Nurses' Week with the cake cutting ceremony. From L to R: LTJG James Alexander and LCDR Luoella Vanosdol./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Beaufort Nurses celebrate the NC Birthday with a photo and cake! Back row, L to R: RN Tammi Lynge, RN Susan Proctor, CDR James Birkla, CDR Jonathan Rebustillo, LT Tiffany Harvey, LCDR Lyneise Watson, LT Sarah Handy, LT Megan Harris, LT Jaclyn Lacey, CAPT Andrew Tarrant (CNO/DNS), LCDR John McDuffie, and LPN Melissa Horton. Front row, L to R: RN Venus Williams, RN Kaffee Stallings-Ray, RN Catharine Greene, RN Judith Agliam-Howard, and RN Liza Smith./Released.

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LEFT: NMRTC Bremerton Commanding Officer CAPT Patrick Fitzpatrick with LTJG Taylor Fink cutting the customary NC Birthday cake./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Bremerton. LCDR Brad O'Keefe presents RN Stuart Ewy with the DAISY Extraordinary Nurses Award during the Nurses Week festivities./Released.

LEFT: NMRTC Bremerton conducting promotions. From L to R: LTJG Dwight Mitchell, LTJG Taylor Fink, and LTJG James Cramer with CAPT Shawn Kase leading the ceremony./Released.

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LEFT: 3rd Medical Battalion NC officers enjoy the birthday festivities at the Okinawa Navy Nurses Week Gala which was luau-themed event./Released.

RIGHT: 3rd Medical Battalion. From L to R: CDR Danilo Garcia-Duenas and the moist junior officer cut the NC birthday cake./Released.

LEFT: 3rd Medical Battalion NC officers gather for the cake cutting ceremony./Released.

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RIGHT: US NMRTU Sasebo. Pictured from L to R: LT Breann Steward, RN Noriko King, LT Yusuf Abdullah, LCDR William "Ash" Robertson (SNO), LT Grace "Yoona" Jeong, LT Racquel Petticrew, LT Shawn Scarpa, CDR Carol Ellsworth (OIC), and RN Megan Grinnell./Released.

LEFT: Talent Acquisition Onboarding Center (TAOC) Music City - LCDR Latoya Collier hosting a table event for medical and dental students at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Portsmouth celebrated Nurses Week with various fun and motivating activities to honor, recognize, and celebrate the unaralleled impact of their nursing staff. On May 9th nursing staff showed out as the Superheroes they are!/Released.

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ABOVE: US NMRTC Rota, Spain NC officers enjoying Nurse's Week with the Annual NC Feria celebration./Released.

ABOVE: US NMRTC Rota, Spain. CAPT Julie Conrardy with LCDR Tasha Gallegos receiving the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing./Released.

ABOVE: US NMRTC Rota, Spain. CAPT Julie Conrardy with LCDR Sharon Hoff receiving the DAISY Nurse Leader Award./Released.

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LEFT: NMRTC Great Lakes / CAPT James A. Lovell Healthcare Center Professional Nursing Association leaders, RN Sharon Hill, LCDR Gabriel Rodriguez, and RN Camille Alvarez celebrate./Released.

ABOVE: NMRTC Great Lakes and CAPT James A. Lovell Federal Healthcare Center nurses celebrate during month-long nursing festivities./Released.

RIGHT: NMRTC Great Lakes Executive Officer, CAPT Salee Oboza, NC, speaks at the cake cutting ceremony./Released.

May: Mental Health Awareness Month

Submitted by: LCDR Jasette Fong, NC, USN

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Anger

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Stress

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Military OneSource

Psychological Health Resource Center

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Military Crisis Line

Online Chat

Text Messaging

Peer-to-Peer Consultation

The Defense Department has issued guidance that allows service members to start their own referral for a mental health evaluation. This policy is in accordance with federal law (Section 704 of Public Law 117-81) and a Congressional bill named in honor of Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Caserta who died by suicide in 2018. The Brandon Act empowers service members to get the help they need confidentially. This reduces the stigma associated with mental health. Service members start the referral process by talking to their commander or supervisor.

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A Healthy Mind is a Healthy Body

May: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Submitted by: LCDR Jasette Fong, NC, USN

"America's greatest asset is not our assembly lines or weapons systems, or even our great ships, submarines, and airplanes... it's our people."

-Admiral Harry B. Harris Jr.

May is recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to celebrate the service and sacrifices of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

US NMRTC Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

NMRTU Port Hueneme

Camp Pendleton

San Diego

Click on each photo to read about how these commands celebrated!

Bethesda

ALL: Photos taken from each command's/hospital's Facebook page./Released.

Rear Admiral Lewis E. Angelo Professional Symposium (LEAPS) High Reliability Organization (HRO) 2023 Poster Competition Winners

Article submitted by: LCDR Jasette Fong, NC, USN

The ED staff are presented with the award for "Clinical HRO Poster Winner" by Brig. General Katherine Simonson (CNO, DHA). Back Row, L to R: CDR Lawrence Decker, CAPT Katherine Noel, LT Matthew Baskwell, LCDR Nathan Aranas, LT Timothy Dye, LCDR Lita Edmond, ENS Mitchell Bradley. Front Row, L to R: LT Sydney Jourdan, LT Micah Feigenbaum, U.S. Army Brig. General Katherine Simonson, HM3 Stevanee Valencia, HM3 Danielle Delamothe, and CAPT Kimberly Davis (NMCSD CO). Photo taken at NMCSD on April 12, 2023./Released.

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The **Rear Admiral Lewis E. Angelo** Professional Symposium (LEAPS) focuses on providing current military healthcare information to Navy Medical Department Officers. The symposium was named in honor of **RDML Angelo** upon his retirement in 1987 in recognition of the strong support provided by him as the Chief of the Medical Service Corps. That same year, **RDML Angelo** was presented the Silver Medal Award by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) in recognition of his lifetime professional achievements as a healthcare executive. LEAPS is the Navy breakout portion of the ACHE annual conference.

The 2023 LEAPS theme was "Bolder Leaders, Brighter Futures: Creating a Transformational Culture in Navy Medicine." Navy Medicine Officers have an excellent opportunity to showcase their High Reliability Organization (HRO) best practices at the annual LEAPS Symposium. Winners are selected based on demonstration of HRO improvement initiatives and best practice in clinical and non-clinical categories. The competition seeks to highlight initiatives that improve the Military Health System by fostering more reliable processes, better outcomes, and improved quality care.

LCDR Corey Fancher and **LT Micah Feigenbaum**, Emergency Department (ED) Clinical Nurse Specialists at NMRTC San Diego/Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD), were the Clinical HRO Poster winners for the 2023 LEAPS HRO Poster Competition. Their work and poster presentation focused on barcode medication administration (BCMA) for NMCSD's ED. Thanks to their efforts, NMCSD's ED made drastic improvements in their BCMA compliance. Their continuing work on BCMA aligns with the DHA critical initiative of Ready Reliable Care (Leapfrog) and is essential in meeting the goal of providing safe medication administration.

Congratulations and Bravo Zulu!

LEFT and RIGHT, L to R: LT Micah Feigenbaum and LCDR Corey Fancher pose by their poster which was showcased at the NMCSD Continuous Process Improvement Fair. Photos taken at NMCSD on April 13, 2023./Released.

Operational Nurse Corps Assignments

Selections submitted by: CDR Suzanne Fierros, NC, USN and LCDR Caitlin Workman, NC, USN

It is with great pleasure to announce the selection of our Operational Nurses and assignments for calendar year 2024. The selection board convened on April 10, 2023; it was a highly competitive board with numerous applicants that were nothing short of outstanding Nurse Corps Officers.

The below listed were selected with confidence due to their exceptional professional knowledge, astute clinical skills and proven leadership abilities.

Carrier (CVN) Assignments:

LCDR Paul Kuhn, 1972
LCDR Charles Pearson, 1945
LCDR Kyle Zunk, 1960
LT Elizabeth Casey, 1960
LT Tiana Daubach, 1972
LT Rocquelle Dishaw, 1960
LT Stefanie Goolsby, 1960
LT Nube Macancela, 1960
LT Jeffery Nunez, 1972

Fleet Surgical Team (FST) Assignments:

LCDR Sarah Buckley, 1972
LCDR Sarah Hart, 1950
LT Simon Conrad, 1972
LT Mia Galassi, 1972
LT Blake Garrett, 1960
LT Anthony Gawu, 1950
LT Honeymae Ilustrisimo, 1950
LT Hyun Na, 1945
LT Ryan Pavelka, 1960
LT Chaquel Giraldo, 1950

Flight Nurse Assignments:

LT Antonio DeJesus, 1945
LT Patrick Marsh, 1945

Hospital Ship (TAH) Assignments:

LCDR Holly Vickers, 1950

Alternates:

LT Andrew Baust, 1960
LT Beatrice Dunnavan, 1945
LT Justine Brady, 1960
LTJG Montella Jonathan, 1960

2023 Health Professions Loan Repayment Selectees

We are pleased to announce the names of the Nurse Corps officers who were selected for the fiscal year 2023 Health Professions Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP):

LT Canady, Melissa
LT Chapman, Tiffan
LT Eichenmuller, Liesl
LT Lambatan, Christopher
LT Oliveria, Jose
LT Onofreiciuc, Elena
LT Palomo, Michelle
LT Perez, Jennifer
LT Preston, Lauren
LT Umbehr, Julianna
LT Vandertie, Hannah

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Certifications

LTJG Corinne Hassett, NMRTC Portsmouth, earned Certified Inpatient OB Nurse (RNC-OB) certification.

LTJG Cara Commons, NMRTC Camp Lejeune, earned Certified Emergency Room Nurse (CEN) certification.

LTJG Sydney Wall, NMRTC Rota, earned Certified Medical Surgical Nurse (CMSRN) certification.

LTJG Shelby Wolfe, NMRTC Portsmouth, earned Certified Critical Care Nurse (CCRN) certification.

LCDR Vincent Diventi, NMRTC Portsmouth, earned Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) certification.

LT Patrick Coyle, NMRTC Guam, earned Certified Emergency Room Nurse (CEN) certification.

LT Tasha Wilson, NMRTC San Diego, recently earned her Family Nurse Practitioner (NP-C) certification.

LTJG David Musser, EMF-Kilo, earned Certified Emergency Room Nurse (CEN) certification.

LT Tanner Deaton, NMRTC San Diego, earned Certified Critical Care Nurse (CCRN) certification.

LTJG Madalyn Tomaschko, NMRTC San Diego, earned Certified Medical Surgical Nurse (CMSRN) certification.

LT Andrea Jefferson, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, earned Certified Critical Care Nurse (CCRN) certification.

LTJG Ricardo Porter, NMRTC 29 Palms, earned Certified Medical Surgical Nurse (CMSRN) certification.

LTJG Kelly Banko, NMRTC Bethesda, earned Certified Critical Career Nurse (CCRN) certification.

LTJG Katherine RubioJackson, NMRTC Portsmouth, earned Certified Neonatal Critical Care Nurse (CCRN-Neonatal).

LT Stephen Duncan, NMRTC Camp Lejeune, earned Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) certification.

LT Charles Long, NMRTC San Diego, earned Nurse Executive Advanced Certification (NEA-BC).

Education

LCDR Heidi Schreckenback, DHA Walter Reed Medical Center, earned a Doctorate in Healthcare Administration from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

LT Tabitha Atkinson, US NMRTC Sigonella, earned Master's of Nursing Science in Nurse Education from Liberty University

LT Briana Goins, US NMRTC Sigonella, earned Master's of Nursing Science in Nurse Education from Liberty University.

LT Ronald Rollon, NR NMRTC Camp Pendleton, earned Doctor of Nursing Practice in Family Nurse Practitioner specialization from University of Massachusetts Amherst.

BRAVO ZULU!, cont.

Education

Congratulations to **LCDR Cynthia Davis**, **LT Adriana Tirado-Young**, and **LT Nathaniel Novak**! All three are Duty Under Instruction (DUINS) graduates and graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University on May 5, 2023. **LCDR Davis** and **LT Tirado-Young** completed their Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in Women's Health and **LT Novak** completed his MSN CNS in Adult-Gerontology.

From L to R: LCDR Cynthia Davis, LT Adriana Tirado-Young, and LT Nathaniel Novak. Photo courtesy of LT Novak./Released.

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